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TOPIC Laerz Airfield.

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REMARKS

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2. At 6:45 a.m. on 10 September, 21 railroad tank cars were observed on the field's spur track. On 13 September, 17 tank cars were on the same track. The Mirow-Ellerholz train stopped at the spur track of the field and Russian pilots got on and off the train. The field was provided with two runways at right angles. The E-W runway was generally used. A DF station with four masts about 5.5 meters high and a wooden cabin in the middle of the square of masts was observed about 200 meters east of the Laerz-Vietzen road, 100 meters north of the west end of the E-W runway. (2) A taxiway ran around the southern section of the field where there were about 15 two-story barracks buildings and the flight control building with a wind sock and antenna. The field was strictly guarded by sentries, some of whom were accompanied by watchdogs. (3)

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3. At 4 p.m. on 21 September, 39 jet fighters were counted at the field. Six of them were parked on the southeastern edge, 8 or 9 in front of the flight control building and 24 along the canal on the southwestern edge of the installation. However, the actual number of jet fighters stationed at the field seemed to be larger. (3) Six biplanes and some single-engine high-wing monoplanes were also observed at the field.

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(4) Formation flying was practiced daily between 16 and 20 September. Some of the planes observed flying were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. Night flights were made on 18, 19 and 20 September.

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4. Jet fighters were not observed at the field between 26 and 28 September.

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On 26 September, as many as 16 MiG-15s flew formations. At 4:32 p.m. on 28 September, a MiG-15 landed at the field. Source observed that two men climbed out of the cockpit. (5) About 11 p.m. on 27 September, a MiG-15 approached from the east and landed at the field. The plane taxied to the east end of the runway from where it took off again. It landed after 12 to 15 minutes

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and, after an interval of 4 to 6 minutes, took off again. No change of pilots or refueling was observed. The plane landed after 15 minutes.

5. On 27 September, eight railroad tank cars moved from Millerholz railroad station to the spur track at the field. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] During the night from 27 to 28 September, there was intensive vehicular traffic. The vehicles drove with dimmed headlights.

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[REDACTED] Comments.

- (1) Hechlin is occupied by the personnel of two fighter regiments and a fighter division headquarters.
- (2) According to a previous report this DF station was removed on 3 September 1951. [REDACTED]
- (3) According to another source, two fighter regiments are stationed at the field. The exact number of aircraft assigned to these regiments is unknown but is estimated at about 70 MiG-15s and some Yak-14s and PO-2s.
- (4) [REDACTED]

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- (5) The plane is type 28. [REDACTED] at the same time.

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